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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN ROUNDUP

REF: PRETORIA 4702

1. SUMMARY: ANC OFFICIAL IS SHOT BY "TERRORISTS". NKOMO
CHOOSES GARFIELD TODD AS MEMBER OF NEGOTIATING TEAM. RHODESIA
WELCOMES VORSTER STATEMENT ON "PACKAGE DEAL". END SUMMARY

2. PRESS OF OCTOBER 15 CARRIED ITEM ON KILLING OF MUZOREWA
FACTION ANC OFFICIAL, WAIREDA MAKUWERERE. MAKUWERERE, WHO
WAS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, WAS REPORTED MISSING OVER
WEEKEND AND HIS BULLET-RIDDLED CAR WAS LATER FOUND IN NORTH
EAST RHODESIA. ON OCTOBER 14, RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES HEAD-
QUARTERS CONFIRMED THAT HIS BODY HAD BEEN FOUND, ALONG
WITH THAT OF ANOTHER ANC OFFICIAL AND DRIVER. ANNOUNCE-
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MENT SAID THEY WERE KILLED BY "TERRORISTS". REVEREND MAX

CHIGWIDA, PUBLICITY SECRETARY FOR MUZOREWA, IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING KILLINGS WERE "STANIC DEED" THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE BY TRUE NATIONALISTS. HE SAID HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT THIS INCIDENT TO SPAWN A CYCLE OF FACTIONAL VILLENCENCE.

3. JOSHUA NKOMO IS REPORTED TO HAVE NAMED FORMER RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER GARFIELD TODD TO HIS NEGOTIATING TEAM. TODD HAD BEEN IN RESTRICTION FOR FOUR YEARS UNTIL LAST JUNE. HE IS LIBERAL ADVOCATE OF BLACK RIGHTS IN RHODESIA AND HAS CONSIDERABLE POPULARITY AMONGST MODERATE BLACKS. NKOMO HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED THAT HIS TEAM WOULD BE MULTIRACIAL. TODD WILL JOIN SUMAN MEHTA, AN INDIAN, AND GERRY RAFTOPOULOS, A COLORED, ON THE TEAM. SAME ARTICLE SAID THAT REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE NOW EXPECTS TO LEAD A SEPARATE TEAM TO GENEVA.

4. ALSO IN TODAY'S PRESS WAS SALISBURY REPORT THAT SMITH'S REGIME HAD "WELCOMED" PM VORSTER'S STATEMENT WHICH SUPPORTED ADHERENCE TO "PACKAGE DEAL". (SEE PRETORIA 4702). SMITH IS QUOTED AS SEEING VORSTER'S STATEMENT AS "ENCOURAGING REALISTIC AND FORTHRIGHT".
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